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This letter is in response to the remand from the Board of Appeals and Interferences dated 11/17/2004.

The Board of Appeals requested an addition four pages for the advisory action dated 7/24/2001. The examiner believed the Board of Appeals and Interferences is in error, the advisory action dated 7/24/2001 has only two pages, a cover sheet and the PTO-303. It is possible that the Board of Appeals and Interferences misread the "Part of Paper No. 16", in the bottom right corner of the PTO-303 as indicating that there are "6" pages, but "16" is the paper number, not the number of pages included in the Advisory Action. The Examiner cannot find any other indication that the Advisory Action included "6" pages. If the Applicant's records include "6" pages for the Advisory Action dated 7/24/2001, please contact the examiner at 571 272 2036 so that a copy of the action can be entered into the file wrapper.

The reply brief filed 10/15/2003 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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